



ALLEYCAT TIMES

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Important Dates

NOVEMBER

- 5-15 – Boosterthon Fundraising
- 7 – Walk to School Day
- 8 – PTA Board Mtg (6:30)
- 12 – NO SCHOOL – Veteran's Day
- 15 – Boosterthon Fun Run
- 15 – Family Feast Night @ BJ's
- 16 – PTA Movie Night & Assoc. Mtg. (6:00)
- 20 – End of 1st Trimester
- 21-23 – NO SCHOOL - Thanksgiving Break
- 29 – ELMAC Mtg. #2
- 30 – Achievement Reports Go Home

DECEMBER

- 3-14 – Parent Conferences (Early Out)
 - Kinder: 1:50
 - 1st-3rd: 2:03
 - 4th & 5th: 2:12
- 5 – Walk to School Day
- 7 – PTA Winter Social (3:30)
- 13 – PTA Board Mtg. & Holiday Dinner
- 21 – Jan. 4 – Winter Break – NO SCHOOL

JANUARY

- 7 – Return to School
- 9 – Walk to School Day
- 11 – PTA Movie Night (6:00)
- 18 – Student Council Elections (9:00 am)
- 21 – NO SCHOOL – MLK, Jr. Day
- 23 – 4th/5th Grade GATE Testing
- 24 – ELMAC Meeting #3
- 31 – Barnes & Noble Night (6:00)

Flyers

- [Watch Me Sculpt](#)
- [Watch Me Draw](#)
- [Tumbling](#)
- [Parkour](#)
- [November Calendar](#)
- [November Menu](#)

Links

- [Arnold Website](#)
- [Titan K-12 Lunch Account](#)
- [PTA Website](#)
- [Raz-Kids Login](#)
- [Torrance Unified School District](#)



WALK TO SCHOOL DAY WEDNESDAY!

This Wednesday, November 7th, is our second Walk to School Day of the year. If you missed out on walking to school last month, here is your chance to join the walkers who walked in October. Let's get our sneakers on and see which two classes win the Golden Sneaker trophies this month and get their pictures in the next Alleycat Times!



FUN RUN UPDATE

Hi Arnold Families! Today our Arnold Fun Run kicked off with an exciting Pep Rally hosted by our friends at Boosterthon! We are thrilled about this year's program - Mindspark

Mystery Lab, where students will experience an amazing character theme which combines S.T.E.A.M skills (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Math) with character-building. While they're teaming up with the MindSpark Kids to solve mysteries, our students will learn five 21st-century character traits that will help strengthen themselves and our world: Citizenship, Zest, Growth Mindset, Integrity, & Teamwork. [Click here](#) to view the Parent Pep Rally video!

As the Fun Run is one of our main fundraisers, our goal this year is to raise \$25,000 for classroom technology, including flat screen TVs and chromebooks. We need your help in supporting your child during the Boosterthon Fun Run program:

- Register on FunRun.com using the details on your child's pledgebook which went home TODAY!
- Help your child connect with family and friends to acquire pledges. (Students will run/walk/dance 30-35 laps in about 30 minutes.)
- The #Boosterthon Student Star video starring your child is the EASIEST and BEST way to ask for a #FunRun pledge. Log into FunRun.com, click the "Create Student Star Video" button, add a photo of your child, and SHARE it via email and social media!
- Ask your child about the MindSpark character lessons each day.
- Help volunteer for the race! We need parents to help cheer on students, pass out water, and mark laps. [Volunteers can sign up online here.](#)
- Come cheer on our runners at the Fun Run on Thursday, November 15th.
 - Kindergarten & 1st Grade: 9:00 - 10:00 am
 - 2nd & 3rd Grade: 10:05 - 11:05 am
 - 4th & 5th Grade: 11:10 am - 12:10 pm

Thank you again for your continued support of Arnold Elementary and we are excited to begin this journey with you!

HEROES WEEK VOLUNTEER CHAIR NEEDED: FEBRUARY 4-8, 2019

Arnold PTA is in need of a volunteer to lead our Heroes Week during February 4-8, 2019. The chairperson would be responsible to plan a week of events to honor our local heroes; Police, Fire, EMS, and Military. Please contact Desiree Tuzzolino at President@Arnold-PTA.org for more information. ~ Thank You, Arnold PTA

FINAL LIFETOUCH PICTURE RETAKES

If your child did not take a school picture in September or on the make-up day in October, the last day for your child to take a picture to be included in the yearbooks November 6th. You must go to the Lifetouch Studio in Carson on Tuesday, Nov. 6 from 4-7pm. An appointment is recommended as there will be many schools taking pictures on this day. The phone number for Lifetouch is: 310-542-5500 (press 1) and the address is: 1250 East 223rd St, Suite 109, Carson 90745.

GATE TESTING FOR 4TH & 5TH GRADE – SLIPS DUE NOVEMBER 13TH

Permission to Test Forms are now being accepted for 4th and 5th grade students interested in participating in GATE testing. GATE tests will be administered during the month of January, but **permission forms must be submitted by November 13th** in order for your child to participate. We will only be offering GATE testing to 4th and 5th grade students who:

- 1) Have never been GATE tested in TUSD
- 2) Have only taken the GATE test in TUSD once before

Students who have already been administered GATE testing through TUSD twice are **not** eligible for testing. If your child qualifies for 4th-5th grade GATE testing and you would like your student to participate, **please complete and return your signed permission slip to your student's teacher by November 13, 2018.** No late slips will be accepted. Permission slips will be sent home with all 4-5th grade students, however students who are already identified GATE in TUSD do not need to retest.

Unlike the process for universal 3rd grade GATE testing, 4th-5th grade GATE testing requires parents to submit a signed permission slip by the deadline.

[English Parent Notification and Permission to Test Form](#)

[Japanese Parent Notification and Permission Test Form](#)

[Korean Parent Notification and Permission Test Form](#)

[Spanish Parent Notification and Permission Test Form](#)

Please note that TUSD GATE testing for identification purposes occurs only in grades 3rd- 5th.

SAVE THE DATE – NOVEMBER 15TH FAMILY FEAST NIGHT

Family Feast Night at BJ's Restaurant on November 15th! [Click here](#) for the flyer.



IMPORTANT REMINDERS

BACK GATE

When picking up your child from the back gate in the afternoon, please be sure to use the crosswalks and wait outside of the fence. Students are NOT allowed to play on the play structure or in the grass, even after you have picked them up. The school is still responsible for anything that happens to children while on campus. Please follow these guidelines for back gate pick-up in order to keep all students and parents safe. Thanks!

NEXT BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING – TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 13TH

The meeting will be held at 7:00 pm at the District Office – 2336 Plaza del Amo.

NEXT ELMAC MEETING – THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 29TH

The meeting will be held at 9:00 am in the YMCA.

**Check back next week for more important school info.
Arnold Elementary School is proud to be a California Gold Ribbon School!**

